GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Complaints – Allegations of manipulations in sale of Rice Harvester in Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District – Disciplinary action against Sri B. Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.301 **Dated: 22/03/2024**

Read the following:

1. U.O. Note No. 977(DG)/V&E/Sec-II/D1/2018, General Administration (V&E) Dept., Dt: 14.12.2018.
2. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.01.2019.
3. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.30.08.2023.
4. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.09.2023.
5. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.06.02.2024.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri B. Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I), Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Articles of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District, is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District, is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District, is invited to rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri B. Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri B. Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R),
Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R),
Vijayawada, NTR District.
(through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain his dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)
Sf./Sc.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. VENKATESWARA RAO, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT.

Articles of Charge - I:

"That the said Sri B. Venkateswara Rao, while working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru, has not verified the online application of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17, with reference to the details in revenue records and also not followed the guidelines issued by the Department in this concern. His action has led to irregularity since the Harvester is intended for SC, ST, BC & Minorities and there is only one SC candidate in the said Sangam and no priority is given to the Small and Marginal Farmers.

The above acts show that he is not devoted and negligent in discharging his legitimate duties which attract violation of rule – 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

Articles of Charge - II:

"That the said Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, while working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru, not responded properly to the complaint petition lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District, regarding irregularities and manipulations occurred at the time of sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17. He has neither taken any action to get the Rice Harvester produced before the authorities nor brought the matter to the notice of the higher authorities. His negligence has led to publication of adverse news item in the Andhra Jyothi, the Telugu News Daily, dt.21.01.2019 in this concern.

The above acts show his dereliction of duties which attract violation of rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

Sd/- Gopal Krishna Dwivedi
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. VENKATESWARA RAO, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE - I:

A complaint petition was lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District regarding irregularities & manipulations occurred at the time of sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chettela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District, on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17.

The preliminary inquiry conducted by the Sub Collector, Nuzvid reveals that, the Staff have not followed the departmental guidelines while sanctioning the Rice Harvester on subsidy basis to M/s.Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District, during the year 2016-17.

Further, the Asst. Director of Agriculture, Tiruvuru, Krishna District, has not verified the details furnished in online application by M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District for sanction of Rice Harvestor on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17. The Harvestor is intended for SC, ST, BC & Minorities, but, there is only one SC Candidate in the said group and priority has not been given to the Small and Marginal Farmers. Further, there are variations in the extents and katha Nos as detailed below:

S. NO.	NAME OF THE GROUP MEMBER AND VILLAGE	CASTE/ RYTHU CATEGORY	DETAILS IN ONLINE APPLICATION		DETAILS IN TAHSILDAR REPORT	
			Khata No.	Extent	Khata No.	Extent
1.	Thumallapalli Srinivas Rao, S/o Subba Rao Chittela and PathaTiruvuru	OC / OF	396	11.32	396	11.35
			-	-	781	2.60
			Total	11.32		13.95
2.	B.Rama Krishna, S/o Muttaiah Rolupudi and Chittela	OC / SF	-	-	594	4.24
			294	4.24	417	10.76
			Total	4.24		15.00
3.	B.Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswara Rao Rolupudi and Chittela	OC / OF	-	-	765	2.03
			397	6.20	48	0.18
			Total	6.20		2.21
4.	K.Vinay Kumar, S/o LiaiahChittela	SC / MF	255	1.11	255	1.12
5.	B.LaxmiNarayanaS/o NagaiahChittela	OC / SF	393	1.50		

Thus, his negligent and careless attitude towards legitimate duties have led to irregular sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District which attracts violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964. Hence, the Charge.

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BASIS OF THE CHARGE - II:

A complaint petition was lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District regarding irregularities & manipulations occurred at the time of sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17.

Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, while working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru, Krishna District, has not responded properly to the above complaint petition. He has neither taken any action to get the Rice Harvester produced before the authorities nor brought the matter to the notice of the higher authorities. His negligence has led to publication of adverse news item in the Andhra Jyothi, the Telugu News Daily, dt.21.01.2019 in this concern.

Thus, Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru, Krishna District is not devoted to his official duties and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attract violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964". Hence, the charge.

Sd/- Gopal Krishna Dwivedi
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.VENKATESWARA RAO, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Enquiry report submitted by Smt. Prathistha Mamgain, I.A.S, Sub Collector, Nuzvid vide Rc.G.1640/2020, Dated 24.03.2021.

Sd/- Gopal Krishna Dwivedi
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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. VENKATESWARA RAO, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela(V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District (Complainant)

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